

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6 and 8-14 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 7 and 8 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 10 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 7. Accordingly, claim 7 is canceled.

Claim 1 is also amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claims 2, 4 and 5. Thus, claims 2, 4 and 5 are also canceled. Claim 3 is canceled to avoid redundancy.

Claims 1, 6 and 8-13 are also amended to obviate informalities, and/or to adjust dependencies in view of the cancellation of claims 2-5 and 7.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

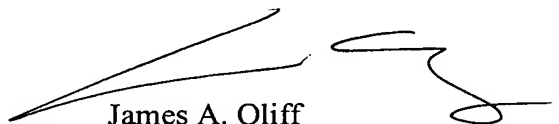
The Office Action objects to claims 2, 4 and 8. Claims 2 and 4 are canceled. Claim 8 is amended, as the Examiner suggested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 2, 4 and 8 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 5 is canceled, and claims 1 and 10 are amended as the Examiner requested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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